



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt a Resolution Declaring the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the Standard for Emergency Response in the City of Lodi (FD)

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2008

PREPARED BY: Michael E. Pretz, Fire Chief

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Council adopts a resolution declaring the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the standard for Emergency Response for the City of Lodi.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) are two federal programs in which the City of Lodi is actively participating. The City of Lodi has already adopted the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as part of San Joaquin County's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (Resolution# 2008-14 February 6, 2008).

As a part of its Homeland Security efforts, the Federal Government has issued a new National Incident Management System (NIMS) to be used to organize response to catastrophic events in the United States. The State of California has issued guidance that local government entities must provide training in the new system to employees who would respond to a disaster. The City of Lodi Fire Department and Police Department has organized and offered classes in NIMS to all City employees. Both departments, as well as several other City departments are 100% compliant. NIMS training is also available on-line and through the classes provided by the County.

The State is also requiring local government bodies, including special districts, to formally adopt NIMS for organizing multi-agency disaster response. Failure to adopt the National Incident Management System would place the City out of compliance with State and Federal requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

FUNDING AVAILABLE: None



Michael E. Pretz, Fire Chief

MEP/lh
Attachment
cc: City Attorney

APPROVED: 
Blair King, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
DECLARING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM (NIMS) AS THE STANDARD FOR
EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN THE CITY OF LODI

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive #5 directed the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach by federal, state, local, and tribal governments to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters regardless of cause or size; and

WHEREAS, California pioneered the development of standardized incident management systems to respond to a variety of catastrophic disasters; and

WHEREAS, the California Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) substantially meets the objectives of the National Incident Management System; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California has directed his Office of Emergency Services and Office of Homeland Security to develop a program to integrate NIMS into SEMS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lodi City Council that it does hereby adopt NIMS in accordance with the guidelines and directives of the State of California and directs City employees to use this system for future emergency preparedness, response, and recovery operations.

Date: April 2, 2008

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2008-56 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held April 2, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Hitchcock, Johnson, Katzakian,
and Mayor Mounce

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


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Deputy City Clerk